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ON THE MANTELPIECE.

From Chambers' Journal.
Mantel is an old French word, signifying the wall raised before a chimney, in the interior of a chamber, to conceal it. In these, we have cut down this mantling work till it is only a smooth slab of marble, or stone, capped with a shelf to carry "chimney ornaments"; but, in the house of our forefathers, it rose from the wide opening over the hearth to the ceiling. Sometimes, as far back as the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries, it extended across the width of one end of the hall, or chamber, in which it was placed as may be seen in one of the examples in the South Kensington Museum. It was always supported on jambs (the French equivalent for legs), which were treated as part of the composition; and so much ornamentation was expended upon it that it required no further decoration to make it the chief feature in an apartment. A row of warriors, in martial array, sculptured in stone, graced some mantelpieces. Sometimes angles were carved upon them, especially upon those belonging to monastic houses; but more frequently they were chosen as a centre for heraldic displays. Besides the coats of arms of the owners, they also bore their mottoes. But when an edifice was built by a prosperous merchant beneath the dignity of heraldic recognition, a sentence from the Scripture, or a couplet embodying welcome, advice, or admonition, was occasionally carved upon the mantel-piece of the chief chamber.

Derbyshire presents us with a few examples of coats of arms, dates, and initials on mantelpieces. In Haddon Hall, the towered and turreted mansion in green pastures close to the winding Wye, where the Vernons kept open house in the old days of the Tudors, there is a specimen of this combination. It occurs on the oaken chimney-piece in the drawing-room, where are carved the arms of Sir George Vernon, the arms of Henry VIII, a plume of feathers, and the initials E. P. There is a second heraldic example at Hardwick Hall, where Mary Queen of Scots spent some of the days of her long captivity. This is an Elizabethan mansion, with a front full of large transomed windows, finished with an open parapet in which the letters E. S. are placed at intervals. These last are the initials of Elizabeth, C. of Shrewsbury, who built the hall in the last decade of the sixteenth century. In the great dining-room there is a chimney piece with the arms of the Countess and the date 1597. At Barborough Hall, another handsome mansion house, with large transomed windows and embattled turrets, built in the reign of Elizabeth, there occur several inscriptions on a sculptured stone chimney piece. The builder of this fine hall was Francis Rhodes, one of the justices of the Common Pleas, and the mantel-piece was probably the pride of his house and heart. There are statues of Justice and Religion in it, and two shields of the arms of Rhodes with different implements, indicating that the worthy justice had two wives. Above the shields he caused to be carved: "Francis Rhodes serves d'ne Regine ad legem. Anno Dni 1584 otatus sue 50;" and below them: "Constitutus iudicialis de Banco Communi, 30 Eliz."

At Enfield, Middlesex, there is still standing a palace in which Queen Elizabeth lived, and, perhaps, played upon the virginals to groups of admirers. In this residence, which is comparatively small and homely, there is a paneled chamber with bay-windows, and a great mantel-piece rising up to the cornice of the paneled ceiling. The mantel-piece is supported on two classic columns, and divided into three compartments, consisting of a centre and two wings. In the wide central panel are the arms of England; on one side those of Westminster, and on the other the Tudor rose. Below the side panels are the initials E. and R.; and below the centre, on a scroll, is a pious inscription in Latin. There is another Elizabethan example in Russell Hall, one of the halls of the old Lancashire gentry, near Manchester. "Vive la Royne," the gallant owner caused to be inscribed on his mantel piece, as he thought of the "fair vestal throned in the west." And there is a Welsh specimen of the same date in the great hall at Newton, Brecon. This sturdy stone mansion, with its steep gables and small window-openings, was the home of the family of Games. Shakespeare gives the name of Davy Games in the list of English dead which the herald presented to Henry V. "Where is the number of our English dead?" asks the king. "Edward the Duke of York, the Earl of Suffolk, Sir Richard Kelly, Davy Gam Esquire, none else of name," continues the monarch. David Games was an ancestor of whom a man might be proud, thought his representative in the following century, as he pondered over the details of the battle-field, newly brought to notice by the genius of the dramatist; and he caused this inscription to be inscribed on the mantel-piece: "John Games, the son and eldest heir of Edward Games, ap John, ap Morgan, ap Edward, ap Morgan, ap Dafydd Gam 1582. Oa God depends everything, Games."

At one time, the fancy for inscribing mottoes upon mantel-pieces was so much in vogue, and so many mottoes suggested themselves as suitable, that the walls and cornices were taken into account, and likewise covered with them. The Earl of Northumberland caused the walls and cornices of his seats at Leckenfield and Wressell to be so treated. In such cases, the decorator only was employed, and when a fresh coat of paint was required, the trite sayings were painted out. An instance of a painted inscription upon a mantel-piece was discovered a few months ago in an upper room in a house in High Street, Tewkesbury. Some alterations were required, and on one brick-work being taken down, an old fire-place was uncovered, with this inscription painted over it in old English characters: "Three things pleaseeth boeth God and man: Concoctioe betweene brethren: Anytie betweene naphibours: and a man and his wyte that agreeeth well together. Fower things hurt much the site of man: Feares, smokes, wynde, and the worst of all to so his friends unelucke; and his fosee happye. These five things are rare seene: A fayer yonge womanne with ought a lover, a yonge man with ought nyeth, an old useesser with ought money, aney greyt fayer with ought theffes, a fare harte with ought musie." The letters of this inscription were black, except the initials, which were painted red. We read, too, of another painted motto in an account drawn up of the Duke of Beaufort's progress through Wales in the reign of Charles II. This was in an upper room, too, "boarded in panes," that is

to say, paneled, and the chimney-piece was supported on two columns, and enriched with busts of Seneca and Aristotle. The inscription was in golden letters: "Deus primum, honos proxime."

Although, like the old custom of placing legends over doorways, the fashion of making our mantel-pieces sermonize is no longer in vogue, it was not abruptly discontinued. It lingered down to the days of the celebrated Dr. Kitchener, who inscribed upon the chimney-piece of his seven-roomed mansion in the city his guests: "At seven, come; at eleven, go," much to the delight of one of them, who could not resist the fun of entirely altering the purport of it by adding the little word "it" to the sober sentence. At Preston Hall, in Northumberland, there is a comparatively modern inscription over a mantel-piece. It probably dates from the last century. The first three lines are convex, and last two concave, while the word "therefore" is placed in a central position:

Spend the day well, and you will rejoice at night.
No good man can be miserable, nor bad man happy.
Whether rich or poor.
Therefore,
May you your days in peace and wisdom spend.
That endless peace may crown your latter end.

Within a few miles of this seat, nearer the brown rocky coast, stands Craster Hall, where the same legend occurs, or did occur, in a similar position.

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mh 24-4f

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jan 30

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Orders and Inquiries from the country promptly attended to.
sep 23-4f

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Having an extensive wharf on the one side and a connecting track with all the various railroads leading into the city on the other, grain and flour can be handled at the lowest prices.
When desirable, the facilities afforded by the numerous railroads leading from the West and Southwest will enable wheat from those sections to be laid down in Alexandria without break of bulk at the lowest competing rates.
The favorite "Valley" and "Fiedmont" wheats, which is so much sought after by millers in other cities for the manufacture of choice brands of flour, is received at this point in large quantities direct from the farmers.
Attention is particularly called to the fact that coal and coopers—two important items—are as cheap here as at any point on the seaboard, and the nearest to all the Eastern markets and the seat of Government make this one of the best locations in the country.
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my 25-oolm Alexandria, Va.

JUST RECEIVED.
Another of these beautiful
74 OCT. ROSEWOOD PIANOS,
with carved legs, and warranted for five years. It is a well made and reliable instrument, sweet and full toned, with all the late improvements. Price \$550. It is just the Piano for persons not willing to pay \$650 for the same style and pattern made by leading makers.
I have also a nice 7 OCT. ROSEWOOD PIANO, in good order, for \$300; a good German do. for \$50—both bargains—and fine second-hand Knabe & Co's. Pianos and others, ranging from \$25 to \$275. Call and see our Music store, my 25-1w 112 King st., Alexandria, Va.

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DAMECE, PUCHY AND LLAMA LACE JACKETS.
Another large invoice at
D. F. WITMER CO'S.
my 25

SUPPLIES FOR THIS SEASON. MAY 8th.
A large assortment of PARASOLS and SUN UMBRELLAS received from the manufacturer this morning.
D. F. WITMER CO.
my 8

BLACK GRENADINES—A splendid line received this morning.
D. F. WITMER CO.
my 16

NEW STORE.
The Misses STEUERNAGEL, Having returned from the North with a large and well assorted stock of the latest and most fashionable styles of
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respectfully solicit a share of the public patronage.
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SHIRTS! We are furnishing all of the latest styles, made by measure, and guaranteed in every instance. Bosoms one, two or three ply, as desired. Call and have your measure taken.
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ENGLISH AND FRENCH CUTTINGS.
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ROBT. L. WOOD.
ap 21

NEW GOODS AT C. C. BERRY'S.
Cambrie Edgings and Insertings, Veilings, Collars and Cuffs, Silk, Leather and Elastic Belts and Buckles, Pearl Silk, Steel and other Buttons in great variety, Corsets, Ladies' Gents' and Children's Hosiery, Kid Gloves, one and two buttons, Parasols and Sun Umbrellas, with a great variety of other goods.
ap 17

OWING TO THE increased demand for the celebrated REBECCA KID GLOVES, PRETZFELDER & BENDHEIM have just received a new supply of popular shades—one and two buttons—at the nominal price of \$1.00 and \$1.25.
dec 22

SPECIAL ATTENTION is called to the great bargains offered in FURS, CARPETS, POORMANES, &c., by
PRETZFELDER & BENDHEIM'S
Popular Dry Goods Store,
144 King street.
dec 22

ECLIPSE CORSETS—Only 50 cents—worth 75 cents—Having made special arrangements regarding the above standard articles, we are enabled to offer them at 50 cts. These Corsets are not composed of artificial bones, but the genuine article. Those desiring Corsets will do well to examine the "Eclipse;" also our other standard brands.
PRETZFELDER & BENDHEIM,
jan 9 Dry Goods Emporium, 144 King st.

PRETZFELDER & BENDHEIM,
Sole Agents for the celebrated
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(Every pair warranted.)
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Ladies' and Gentlemen's Underwear, fine stock of Linen Socks, Handkerchiefs, Hosiery, Ruffs, Portemonies, &c., at 144 King st.
dec 20

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Special attention given to the selection of TEAS, COFFEES and FAMILY FLOUR.
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CHOICE FAMILY AND FANCY GROCERIES, WINES AND LIQUORS, ENGLISH AND SCOTCH ALE and BROWN LIQUOR.
Also, EASTERN and POTOMAC HERRING and MACKEREL.
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Orders promptly filled.
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feb 7

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NOTICE—BUCK'S BRANDY—I have this day received another supply of the above Brandy, which is warranted strictly pure, suitable for medicinal purposes. Put up in bottles at 50c each.
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LADIES' ROMAN TIES AND SHOES, entirely new style, at
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A large stock with a great variety of new styles, beautiful and very cheap.
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A fine stock, in every color, style and quality, at very reasonable prices.
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A good stock of new styles, of fine quality, and at low prices,
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Large stock and great variety, suitable for old ladies,
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WM. H. MUIR & SON,
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A large and fine stock always on hand. ja 25

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AT
GREEN'S NOTION HOUSE.
REDUCING STOCK TO REMOVE FROM THIS CITY.

CHARLES W. GREEN,
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SARDINES, in half and quarter boxes, a full supply just received.
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AUCTION SALES.

By Green & Wise.
[Real Estate Agents and Auctioneers.]
COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.—By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Alexandria county, Va., rendered at the August term, 1873, in the suit of Edelin and others, plaintiffs, vs. The Mechanical Building Association, the undersigned, commissioner, therein named, will sell, on FRIDAY, July 3d, 1874, at 12 o'clock m., in front of the Mansion House Hotel, in the city of Alexandria, by public auction, the following described REAL ESTATE:

No. 2—Hugh Latham's LOT OF GROUND, on Fairfax street, between King and Prince, 32 ft. 9 in. by 125 ft. 9 in.

No. 3—Hugh Latham's TWO-STORY BRICK DWELLING and LOT, on Water street, between King and Prince, 22 ft. 9 in. by 125 ft. 9 in.

No. 4—Caleb L. Richards' LOT and TWO-STORY FRAME DWELLING, on ground rent, on the east side of Payne street, between King and Cameron, 13 ft. by 80 ft. to a 10 ft. alley.

No. 5—Andrew W. Eastlick's TWO-STORY FRAME DWELLING and LOT, on the north side of Queen street, between Royal and Fairfax, 45 ft. 2 in. by 86 ft. 8 in., 145 ft. 24 in. west of Fairfax street.

Terms: One-fourth of the purchase money to be paid in cash, and the residue in 6, 12 and 18 months; the bonds of the purchaser, with good security, bearing interest from the day of sale, to be taken for the deferred payments, and the title to be retained until the entire purchase money is paid. Conveyancing at the expense of the purchaser.

je 2-4s C. W. WATLES, Comm'r.

By Green & Wise.
[Real Estate Agents and Auctioneers.]
COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.—By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Alexandria county, Va., rendered at the November term, 1873, in the suit of The Potomac Building Association, p'l'ts, vs. Jesse Woodward and others, defendants, the undersigned, commissioner, therein named, will proceed to sell, by public auction, on FRIDAY, July 3d, 1874, at 12 o'clock m., in front of the Mansion House Hotel, in the city of Alexandria, the following described REAL ESTATE, in the city of Alexandria:

No. 1—W. B. Nalls' TRACT OF LAND, in Fairfax county, containing about 25 acres being the land of which Francis Hamersley died seized, and which was devised to Wm. B. Nalls by the will of the said Francis Hamersley, dated the 17th of July, 1855, lying about 31 miles from the city of Alexandria, on the Telegraph road.

No. 2—Mary O. Sullivan's LOT, on the south side of Franklin street, at the middle of square, between Water and Fairfax, 25 feet by 50 feet deep—vacant lot.

No. 3—Chas. B. Shirley's one undivided half of a TWO-STORY FRAME DWELLING and LOT, on the east side of Washington street, between King and Prince, next to the Church, 20 ft. by 123 ft. 5 in. deep, beginning 136 feet 7 inches south of King.

A more particular description of the property will be given on the day of sale.

Terms: One-tenth of the purchase money to be paid in cash; the residue in three equal installments of 6, 12 and 18 months; the bonds of the purchaser, with good security, and bearing interest, to be taken for the deferred payments, and the title to be retained until they are paid. Conveyancing at the expense of the purchaser.

je 2-4s C. W. WATLES, Comm'r.

By F. A. Kerby.
[Real Estate Agent and Auctioneer.]
FOR SALE—ABOUT AN ACRE AND A QUARTER OF GROUND, in Alexandria, Virginia, situated on Franklin street, between Alfred and Columbus, improved by a first-class COTTAGE BUILDING, containing 14 rooms, all in excellent order and condition; has an elegant cellar under the whole house and all necessary out-buildings, such as meat house, granary, stable, carriage house, sheds, &c. The entire premises are enclosed by a good, close plank fence; has an excellent vegetable garden and a great quantity of fine fruits, shrubbery, &c. This property is offered at auction until SATURDAY, June 13th, and if not sold before, it will on that day be sold to the highest bidder, at public auction, in front of the Market House, on Royal street, in Alexandria, Va., at 12 m.

Terms easy. For further particulars enquire of the undersigned, at No. 56 King street, Alexandria, Va.
je 2-eots FRANCIS A. KERBY.

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W. D. CORSE & CO.,
BANKERS AND BROKERS.
BUY AND SELL
GOLD AND SILVER COIN, RAILROAD, STATE, GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL OR OTHER GOOD INVESTMENT SECURITIES.

Also execute orders for any Stocks or Bonds on the Stock Boards of New York or Baltimore, on commission, and have for sale—VIRGINIA COUPONS, receivable for State taxes and all local investment securities. Interest allowed on deposits, subject to call, as may be agreed upon. Will be glad to give or obtain any information for parties desiring to make investments.
aug 25

BURKE & HERBERT,
Dealers in
GOLD, GOVERNMENT BONDS, LOCAL STOCKS, AND ALL FIRST-CLASS RAILROAD BONDS and other good investment securities, have for sale
VIRGINIA COUPONS, receivable for taxes. ALEXANDRIA CORPORATION SIX PER CENT BONDS, &c.
Any information in regard to investments cheerfully given.
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VIRGINIA SASH, DOOR AND FRAME FACTORY
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READY MADE WORK constantly on hand, such as
DOORS, SASHES, BLINDS, FRAMES, MOULDINGS, BRACKETS, NEWELS, BALUSTERS, &c., &c.
Will buy and trade for lumber and Ash Logs.
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Alexandria, Virginia.
feb 10

B. F. PEAKE, JOHN W. PEAKE, B. W. NALLS.
B. F. PEAKE & CO.,
(Successors to J. S. W. Nalls, Son & Co.)
DEALERS IN
DOORS, SASH, BLINDS, PAINTS, HARDWARE, LEADS, OILS, CEMENT, CALCINED PLASTER, &c.,
No. 187 King street, Alexandria, Virginia.
feb 2-4f

LEGAL NOTICE.
Administrators, Executors, Guardians, Curators and Trustees, who have not settled an account for twelve months past, will now come forward and make settlements without further notice.
K. A. SINCLAIR,
jan 7 Commissioner of Accounts.

R. A. SINCLAIR,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
Will practice in the city Courts of Alexandria and the several Courts of Prince William and Fairfax counties.
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CAROLINA RICE, a prime article, just received and for sale by
GEO. McBURNEY & SON,
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AUCTION SALES.

By F. A. Kerby, Auctioneer.
SUMMER HILL FOR SALE BY AUCTION.
The beautiful estate of SUMMER HILL, belonging to Mr. John Martin, 30 acres, more or less, about two miles from Washington, and on the road from Washington to Alexandria, and with the valuable DWELLING HOUSE and other buildings thereon, will be offered for sale by auction, on THURSDAY, the 4th of June next, at 5 o'clock p. m., on the ground, Summer Hill is now most desirable country residence in the neighborhood of Washington.

Terms liberal. Inquire of S. F. BEACH, Esq., Alexandria, Va. my 14-3s

THE GRASS on the farm above advertised not having been sold on the 24th, and as it is, will positively be sold at the same time and place of the farm, JUNE 4th, at 5 o'clock p. m.
my 28-4s GEO. JOHNSTON.

IMPROVED FARM FOR SALE.—By virtue of the decree of the Circuit Court of Fairfax county, entered up at its June term, 1873, in the suit therein pending of Grace administrator against James J. Le and others, the undersigned, commissioners therein named, will, on MONDAY, the 18th day of May, 1874, that being Court day, in front of the door of the Court House of said county, at one o'clock p. m., sell to the highest bidder, that TRACT OF LAND on which Thomas Siminold resides, containing 40 acres. This land is in a good state of cultivation; has plenty of wood, excellent water and good and comfortable BUILDINGS, and